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Marty Sheridan (f) of Tara Oilfield Services hosts Conservative candidate Earl Dreeshen and his grandson Julian on a campaign stop in Didsbury.

# Dreeshen makes campaign stop in Didsbury

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

A campaign stop in Didsbury Friday gave Red Deer-Mountain View Conservative candidate Earl Dreeshen a platform to pitch his party's low tax policies.

"People, not governments, grow the economy," Dreeshen said to Tara Oilfield workers on their morning coffee break, praising Tara founder Marty Sheridan for hiring more workers this summer despite low oil prices.

"Conservative tax reductions for smaller businesses help companies like Tara make it happen."

Speaking in the Tara fabricating shop amid the manufacturing of oilfield vessels and flare stacks, Dreeshen said that families, not government workers, know best how to care for and raise their children.

"That's why we have increased the child tax credit," he said.

Conservative Party tax and family policies and its approach to international affairs distinguish it from its NDP and Liberal opponents in this election, he said. On national security he warned that the Islamic State terrorists are at war with Canada, "even if we aren't at war with them."

He cited Prime Minister Stephen Harper's 2012 World Statesman of the Year Award from the New York-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation as evidence that Canada is respected internationally.

# Banned lifted on Little Red Deer, Dogpound Creek

Alberta Environment has lifted a fishing ban in the Little Red Deer River, Dogpound Creek and their tributaries up to the headwaters.

Fisheries officials had closed 18

fishing streams and rivers in the province due to high water temperatures that stress fish and cause breathing problems, especially for trout. Cooler weather and rain brought water temperatures, which had risen to as high as 24 C, back to normal summertime range of 15 to 18 C, reducing the threat to fish. High water temperatures present a high risk to fish populations and may result in mortalities, even when using 'catch and release' practices, a spokesperson said.



# Opinion

# **Editorial** Rodeo needs a big vision

The 1958 Rodeo Finals poster newly hung on the wall of the beer gardens at the Didsbury ag society annual rodeo was a highlight of the weekend.

The sense of history that the red, black and white

icon with its drawing of a cowboy riding a bronco for the eight most dangerous seconds in sport is a symbol of rodeo's past and its future.

It brought to mind Ian Tyson's wonderful song about a girl in love with a rodeo cowboy and waiting for him as he drives through the night to see her:

He loves his damned old rodeo

As much as he loves me, Someday soon, going with him

Someday soon

Cowboy artist Charlie Russell called one of his short story collections Trails Ploughed Under, and rodeo is one of those western things that is associated more often with nostalgia for the past than it is with the future.



FRANK **DABBS** 

Rodeo hasn't changed much since the 1958 poster. Rodeos depend on the

young men and women who, in addition to taking physical risks and giving up the personal comforts of a normal life, are willing to foot the bills

Rodeo cowboys and cowgirls are still the biggest sponsors of the sport through the subsidies they pay to themselves every time they feed their animals, put gas in their trucks, feed

themselves, buy equipment, and pay entry fees or medical expense

Katy Lucas represents the New Frontier of Rodeo the title of her new documentary which aired last week on Red Deer's Shaw Television channel and is posted on YouTube.

Katy has the credentials to speak for the sport She is a team roper, former Miss Rodeo Canada, Carstairs Rodeo Queen, Alberta High School Rodeo Queen, Miss Ponoka Stampede, rodeo and western horse journalist and daughter of Joe Lucas, the fourtime Canadian Tie Down Roping Champion.

In her documentary, Katy Lucas makes it clear that the sport needs a new breed of corporate sponsors willing to invest in the process of building a fan base, getting the sport on television regularly and encouraging coverage in mainstream media.

It needs new fans.

It needs a new brand

On the same day I first saw Katy's documentary, I sat in the Boyce Theatre on the Calgary Stampede grounds as former Saskatchewan newspaper ad salesman Ken King unveiled the vision of a billion-

dollar sports complex in Calgary.
"We are at the starting line," King said.
The facility would house a field house for CFL football, FTFA soccer, and an arena for NHL hockey A community of condos and apartments for 50,000, restaurants, bars, hotels and green space would

eventually surround it.

No one knows if this will ever be built.

But that hasn't stopped King and the owners of the sports empire he works for from dreaming big

Rodeo is at another starting line

It can change or fade away, just another trail plowed under



# Letter

# Thank you rain drenched citizens

To all the spectators of, and participants in, the rain drenched parade: I commend you. Your support of your community was to say the least inspiring. was cold and wet, and I was riding in a vehicle. Perhaps next year's parade theme should be a Salute to Didsbury's citizens. Did you know this

year's theme was "Remembering the Children?" I thought it was Salute to the Ducks!

Once again congratulations. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Ray Lauzon Didsbury

# Commentary

# Choosing who to vote for no easy task

Damned if you do, damned if you don't. That pretty much sums up how I'm feeling about the coming election.

Even less than I want to vote for the Harper Conservatives do I want to vote for a party that has not earned my vote.

At this point, the Liberal sponsorship scandal should seem like paltry child's play in comparison to the list of Harper's malfeasance after a decade in power

Harper's hypocrisy and flagrant double standards — passing massive omnibus bills that he once criticized the Liberals for doing and accusing Martin for not pro-viding straight answers, and then turning around and all but blocking out media, to

name a couple — make it impossible for me to support the Conservatives under his leadership. But the other parties have yet to sway me in their favour. The Green Party has good policies, albeit rather narrow in scope, but it doesn't have the resources

or manpower to form an effective government.

The NDP's policies haven't got me convinced, nor has the party's leader Thomas Mulcair. During the Maclean's leaders debate, his smile seemed to lack sincerity, although at least it didn't come across as pained and forced as Harper's awkward smile does



SIMON DUCATEL

That leaves the Liberals, whose policies I'm not generally opposed to; however Justin Trudeau's decision to get in bed with the Conservatives to pass the ques tionable anti-terror act leaves one wondering why he'd work with the party that has made one of its missions to destroy the Liberals and thus what kind of deals he might make if in power.

If only we had a candidate like U.S Senator Bernie Sanders — whose desire to restore the balance of power in politics between the one per cent and the rest of the people speaks loudly to me — the choice would be easy.

Ideally, in a healthy democracy, a voter casts a ballot for a party or candidate he or she believes in, as opposed to voting for any party other than the one that has shown it is no longer fit to gov-ern. It's what happened to the Liberals after the spon-sorship scandal, and it's what happened to the Alberta Conservatives following their complacent rule that led Albertans to remind them who's in charge. Still, with the longest election campaign in recent

history ahead of us, perhaps one of the opposition parties will yet shine

I'm just not holding my breath.

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# Vikings return to arts

WINDSOR

I'm sure everyone in Didsbury has the Mountain View Arts Festival marked in ink on their calendars. The two-day celebration of the arts takes place weekend of Sept. and 13 and once again the town will be filled with dancing, music, visual art and Vikings!

From the eighth to 11th centuries, Scandianavian Norsemen raiding the rest of Europe became known as Vikings. Eventually, the word "viking" became synonymous with piracy, and the Vikings garnered a reputation as brutal plun-



A young participant is dwarfed in size by his fellow re enactment Vikings during last year's Mountain View Arts Festival.

Fast-forward 10 centur- fourth year in a row, the and the plundering Sons of Fenrir Viking recontinues right here in our enactors will fill Didsbury Returning for the with history and culture,

raids! Mountain View County

was settled by many people of Scandinavian descent, and the Sons of Fenrir are so comfortable here they have adopted Didsbury as their second home.

"The Sons," said organizer Maxine Spence, "porthe Scandinavian trav people and culture from circa 800-950," and their village is absolutely full of everything from a huge variety of period crafting. to authentic cooking, to intense live steel combat."

The Viking Village is part of the Artisan Village at Rosebud Park on the east end of town, and will be bigger than ever! This is a complete living his-Viking village where you can visit with a roving Norse warband as they go about their day, cleaning and mending weapons, creating period crafts, and of course, weaving sagas. Don't be surprised if Thor or Odin make an appear-

And speaking of surpris es, the success of any raid depends on the element of surprise and the Sons of Fenrir are full of them. In addition to their regular battles, they'll be pillaging downtown Saturday morning and have ... well a few other surprises planned for both Saturday and Sunday.

Bring the kids to learn Viking about warfare. and watch their fascina tion grow as the story of a Viking battle unfolds. Visit with Scandinavian Warband members. Dagaz Grimnir, and others. Try on Viking mail (it's might heavy) and imagine yourself on the hattlefield

Better vet, step onto that battlefield yourself!

"The Festival's catchphrase this year is 'Be a Part of It', and that's exactly what will happen when people come the Sons of Fenrir Viking Village," said Spence.

Kathleen Windsor the chair of the Mountain View Arts Festival.

# High density zoning challenges town

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

"One size fits all" high-density residential zoning fuels controversy and conflict as Didsbury seeks a balance of housing choices

to support economic development. That is the consensus of town staffers, officials and councillors as the municipality addresses the first two of several new high-density residential proposals anticipated to come forward this autumn.

Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) gave its bless ing Aug. 12 to the re-designation of a large property on 7th Avenue at 23rd Street from urban reserve (UR) to residential high density

The site, about four lots wide and 2.5 lots deep, is suitable for high-density development such as condominiums or apartments, the commission decided.

However it declined to approve the re-designation from general commercial (C1) to R5 for the lot on the northwest corner of 20th Street and 15th Avenue, at the very south end of Didsbury's main street and in its heritage zone.

planning commission encouraged the developer to come back to it with a proposal that

would see the ground floor of the new building developed for retail or other commercial use and the upper floors used for residential

Town council makes the decision on rezoning applications. The planning commission is limited to providing advice.

There are two issues at the heart of every high-density resi-dential proposal," MPC chairman Bruce Milne said last week.

"They are the height of the building and its use.

Didsbury needs several categor ies of residential zoning so that developers and municipal officials can zero in on appropriate heights

and uses for specific lands, he said.
"Didsbury has one size to fit all, and it doesn't work."

MPC member and town councillor Joyce McCoy said a developer isn't required to reveal the size and type of building and how it will be used in an R5 application.

The town is asked to approve a re-designation "blind," she said, citing the problem it creates downtown where retail use of the street floor is always sought and residential is preferred on upper floors.

The deficiencies of a single category for high-density residential zoning became apparent in 2011 when Heritage Crossing, a

housing appeal to the was approved on Development Subdivision and Appeal Board.

Milne and most of his neigh-bours opposed that development because the height of the building cast a shadow over their proper-ties most of the day in most sea-

He has been researching highdensity residential development in other jurisdictions and has some ideas about zoning categories that would work in Didsbury.

High-density residential issues surfaced again this year in proposals to redevelop the former fire hall site. Town staffers have also been studying the matter and are close to making recommendations to council.

McCoy believes a mix of housing choices is essential to the economic development of the town and to keeping young people here after they finish school.

"A young person who wants to start a career with Tanas Concrete or Tara Oilfield can't afford a \$300,000 or \$400,000 home.

"If we want them, we have to ensure they can find a place to live that they can afford," McCoy said.

"High-density residential can meet those needs."



# RCMP release photo of shoplifting suspect

Didsbury RCMP detachment released the photo taken from an Ulla-La Boutique surveillance video of an Aug. 11 shoplifting suspect.

The woman made off with a top valued at

Const. Keith Gill said police need the public's help to identify the woman.

The Didsbury RCMP complaint line is 403-335-3381.

In other police matters, thieves stole a \$50,000 Cascade motorboat and its EZ Hauler trailer from a home on Greensborough Bay on Aug. 19.

This is the second boat theft this month in Didsbury

On Aug. 14 a motorboat worth \$10,000 and its trailer were taken from a home on 22nd Street. The boat was recovered in Olds.

Const. Gill said often a stolen boat and trailer are apparently abandoned by the thieves who have stolen it, when they leave it at a rendez vous point where other thieves have arranged to pick it up.

In this case the owner was fortunate that the boat was spotted and police picked it up before the hand-off could be completed.



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# **Didsbury dreams** launch political career

MVP Staff

Childhood dreams of making a difference in the big world beyond the small town of Didsbury are behind Nirmala Naidoo's second career in politics.

After a 23-year career in television, including a stint as news anchor for Global Television in Calgary, Naidoo is the Liberal candidate in the new federal riding of Calgary Rocky Ridge.

She and her husband Jeff Phelps, and sons 11-year-old Jaidon and Hudson, 6, go door to door together in the summer with a team that often includes other children.

you see a convoy of children and wagons on the streeet in Calgary-Rocky Ridge, it's probably said Naidoo.

She has her campaign head-quarters at Symons Valley Ranch in north Calgary where Didsbury people once went for dances and parties before it was annexed into the city

Her family came to Didsbury in 1967 after immigrating to Canada from South Africa, so that the children of teachers Larry and Pixie Naidoo could grow up in a nation without apartheid.

Nirmala was the middle sibling of the East Indian family, between sister Indira, two years older than her, and brother Logendra who is

six years younger. "My father decided that Canada had the values that he wanted to instill in his children more than any other country," Naidoo said in an interview last week.

The Naidoo family's political were South African dissi-



Nirmala Naidoo, television journal-ist and Liberal candidate in Calgary Rocky Ridge grew up in Didsbury.

dents Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, and Pixie went to school with Gandhi's niece.

Didsbury, population 2,300, a great place to grow up, said Naidoo. All the children in the family attended school from grades 1 to 12 before the family moved on

"It was a place where we could be kids and not think about the issues of the world.

"It was at a time when there was no cable and you weren't bom-barded by media images," said Naidoo.

"But there were no minorities on television, which caused me to think - coming from South Africa where I couldn't have been a visible minority journalist on television about trying to make a difference by being one of the first minorities on television in Canada.

Nirmala's sister Indira felt the same way and has had a career in journalism and politics, too.

in the Ontario legislature representing the semi-rural Halton rid-

Didsbury allowed us to be kids when we wanted to be kids, but to dream about what we wanted to be when we went from a small town out into the big world," recalled Naidoo.

'And we dreamed big."

The biggest thing she brings back to Didsbury, said Naidoo, is that she doesn't want its young people to ever feel they are being held back - not because they are overweight or belong to another ethnic group or come from a poor family, and certainly not being held back because they come from a small town.

Naidoo's whole philosophy about not leaving anyone behind comes because resisting apartheid instilled in her from a young age that everyone matters

"We came from a place where not veryone mattered - because of skin colour or ethnic background.

"I am in politics because I believe in equality for all and I am firm about the 'everyone' part

"If you believe in equality for all I'm your candidate; if you don't believe in equality for all I'm probably not." ably not.

One of the chief joys of her campaign is to meet young people who take elections and voting seriously

Nirmala asked a young man she met going door to door, "What do you think when people say this generation is not politically engaged?"

He replied, "I think that's an opinion, not a fact, and I'm here to prove that."



AG Foods manager Greg Poirier draws Libby Clarke's

# **Carstairs** family wins gazebo

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Libby Clarke of Carstairs was the winner of the Aug. 16 Didsbury Lions Club gazebo draw when AG Foods manager Greg Poirer pulled her ticket. Ray Lea, a retired carpenter who headed up the

construction of the gazebo, said a Didsbury Lions crew who delivered the gazebo to the Clarke family home the following day, "had a tricky time getting the gazebo in the garden, but we did."

The Lions Club raised about \$5,500 in the annu-

al draw and will use the money for its lengthy list of charitable "adventures," Lea said.
"We are grateful to the community and to AG

Foods for helping us.

The Lions have a fundraising annual dinner in November, and an auction sale in April.

"We don't say much about the help we give to people, but we keep an eye out for needs," he



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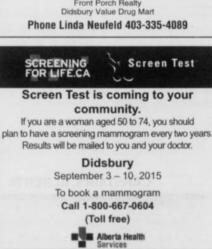
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# **Didsbury** auditions as **Purgatory**

BY FRANK DABBS

Film location scouts are evaluating Didsbury as the primary location for the first season of a comic book-based television production called Wynonna Earp

If chosen, Didsbury would be used for a fictional supernatural western community called Purgatory.

The producers of Wynonna Earp are Hollywood-based SyFy and Canadian Seven24 Films.

Melanie Scrofano (Damien, Gangland Undercover) is cast as Wynonna; Tim Rozen (Being Human, Instant Star) will play the part of Doc. Holiday; and Shamier Anderson (Defiance, Constantine) will appear in the supporting role of Agent Dolls.

In the IWD Publishing comic, Wynonna Earp, a descendant of lawman Wyatt Earp, is a member of the U.S. Marshal's Monster Squad, fighting vampires, mummies and an arch-criminal called Raduk the eater of the dead.

IWD has published three series of the comic books. The first five issues were released in 1996 and 1997, a second three-part Home on the Strange edition appeared in 2003 and 2004, and a four-part Yeti Years series was published in 2011.

"Production is in its early states, so there is still plenty to figure out," a spokesperson for the location scouts said

"Should Didsbury be chosen to represent Purgatory, we would be visiting sporadically from September 14 to February 11, 2016." In April, a movie

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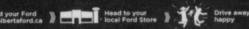
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#### Bylaw 2015-08 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation"

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BLOCK 18 PLAN 110-0

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be amended from R2 - Residential General to R5 -Residential - High Density.

Prior to being granted second and third readings, a public hearing has been scheduled for this Bylaw on September 8 2015 at 6:00 pm. The location of this public hearing will be at the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers (2037-19 Avenue).

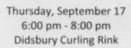
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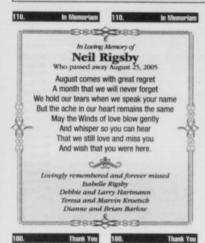
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Edmund Basil McKay was born October 26, 1928 at Glen Nevis, Ontario. Ed passed away at the Olds Hospital on August 14, 2015 at the age of 86 years. He was raised on the family farm by his parentsJanetandAlexanderMcKay.Edhad

6 sisters and 5 brothers

Ed ventured out to Alberta to work in the oil patch, mainly for Regent Drilling, Big T and Commonwealth Drilling and later farming became his goal. Ed married Alice Bruce June 11, 1952. They purchased the Bruce family farm where he resided until March of 2015. Precious memories of Ed will be everlasting and he will be forever missed. Ed will be sadly missed by his loving wife Alice of 63 years; their three daughters Marilyn (Darwin) Tarrant of Olds, Beverley (Murry) Rasmussen of Didsbury, Barbara (Michael) Patt of Calgary; eight grandchildren; five great-granddaughters; two brott Rod (Pat) McKay of Calgary and Corbett (Jan) McKay of Australia as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one grandson Stephen. Funeral services were held at the Knox United Church, Didsbury on Thursday August 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Interment followed at the Didsbury Cemetery. In lie flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society. Heartland Funeral Serv Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610



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